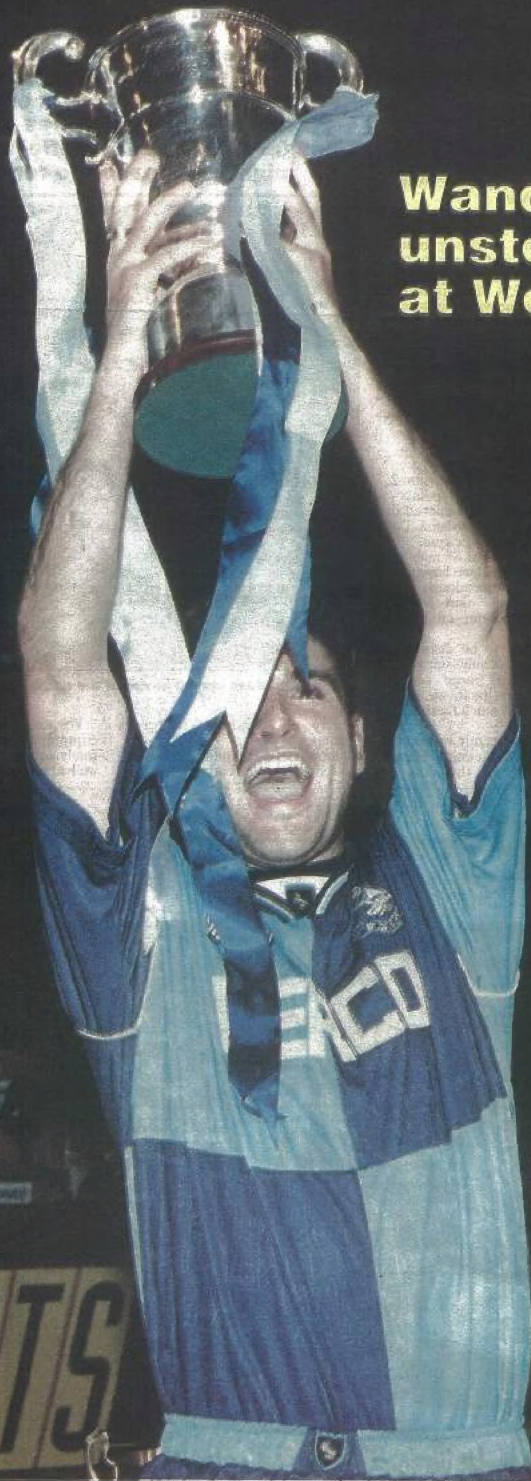




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Front cover: Jason Cousins celebrates Blues' Wembley Five-a-Side triumph

Photo courtesy of Evening Standard taken at Evening Standard London Five-a-Sides at Wembley 1995

Blues stay on their track to success

What a way to end a season, winning the Evening Standard Five-a-Sides – our fifth win at Wembley in the last five years!

We became only the third club to win the event two years running in the Fives' 41-year history.

Can we become the first club ever to win it three years in a row? Watch Sky Sports next May.

Just when everybody thought the momentum of the club might finally be slowing, the players produce another fantastic night for the town.

Our highest ever league position can in no way be a disappointment when we all examine what our heart's expectations were at the start of the season.

I, personally, would like to thank Martin and all the lads for again producing the goods, for the fifth season running, and bringing so much success and media attention to High Wycombe.

Amazing

In our first 42 matches in Division 2, we amassed an amazing 71 points – one point more than we achieved in our first 42 matches in Division 3 of the Endsleigh Insurance League.

In fact, out of our first 88 matches in the Football League, we have only lost 20. That is a tremendously consistent record and one that Martin O'Neill deserves greater credit for than he has received.

I am just proud to be associated with such a fantastically successful club and wish that more people would realise how fortunate we are in this area to enjoy so much footballing success.

I was delighted recently that some of our Sales & Marketing schemes were "featured" in the Adams

Blues were at it again in the London Five-a-Sides this month, taking Wembley Arena by storm for the second time in two years. Wycombe Wanderers Sales & Marketing Manager MARK AUSTIN reflects on another night and season to remember



On the ball: Blues stayed ahead of the game again this season

Family, Wycombe Wanderers Fanzine.

I took it as a compliment that certain schemes got an earbashing.

For example, the Blues Pager got completely slaughtered, which I freely admit has not had the take-up we had hoped for.

The key thing, however, is that, by taking on the scheme, the club were given £3,000 – which is not bad for an "amusing stunt".

Poor old Bluey the Swan took a real hammering in three different sections of the Fanzine.

However, when will adults realise that Bluey was not designed for them, but for the kids, who love Bluey, even if it is for the thousands of pounds worth of sweets he/she gave away to them last season.

Loveable

If every other football club can have a ridiculously looking, but loveable mascot, why can't we?

After all, children are the future of the club.

I must commend the Wycombe Wanderers Independent Supporters Club, whom I have had several meetings with now.

It's largely thanks to the WWISC that our away travel prices were cheaper last year, and it is thanks to them that the needs of the supporter at Adams Park have been highlighted.

I'm all in favour of supporters' clubs that actually support their club. As long as WWISC support Wycombe Wanderers FC, I will continue to support them.

I hope that all our juniors will take up our special junior terrace season ticket for 1995/96, which will save them nearly £2 every time they attend a league match at Adams Park.

I think the Board of Directors deserve a lot of praise for reducing the junior terrace season ticket price, while at the same time extending the range of benefits!

How the Fives were won – again



All in a night's work: Dave Carroll receives his best player award

Wycombe Wanderers Football Club this month became only the third club in the 41-year history of The Evening Standard London Five-a-Sides to win the prestigious tournament back-to-back.

At the end of a thrilling night at London's Wembley Arena, The Blues won a sudden-death 30-yard penalty shoot-out against Endsleigh League Division One club Luton Town before an appreciative crowd in the evening's final.

Chuck Moussaddik managed to save Luton's first effort from Marvin Johnson.

Slotted

Dave Carroll, who was later voted player of the tournament, stepped up and slotted the ball calmly past the diving goalkeeper, winning the team of seven a cool £10,000.

In the first and second rounds of the competition, Wycombe beat local rivals Brentford and Crystal Palace, both in penalty shoot-outs.

EVENING STANDARD LONDON FIVE-A-SIDES Report on Wycombe Wanderers' winning night

asset, making a string of fine shot-blocking saves.

In the semis, Wanderers faced a youthful-looking Millwall, who stretched them to the limit in an enthralling match.

Millwall were leading 1-0 with only three minutes to go after a rare goalkeeping error from the otherwise brilliant Moussaddik.

Just as it seemed The Blues were making their exit, front man Steve McGavin swivelled and fired home a well-taken goal to keep the hopes of the travelling support alive and well.

Thirty seconds later, Wycombe managed to take the lead through Simon Garner, whose outstretched left foot guided the ball beyond the diving goalkeeper and into the net.

The Blues managed to hold on to make it their night again.

Moussaddik was a vital

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Where does Wanderers' Associate Director JOHN GOLDSWORTHY stand when in the development of the football club, and what does he see as the most crucial hurdles to overcome? Here, he explains what has to be done and how it can be done

Let's make a stand

On June 2nd this year, the Annual General Meeting of the Football League takes place and will consider the proposed criteria for member clubs.

One item of this criteria sets out the minimum seating for clubs for each Division which is: Division 3 - 2,000 seats; Division 2 - 4,000 seats; Division 1 - 10,000 seats.

If the criteria are accepted, clubs have 12 months from the following May to complete the necessary work.

The sanctions for failure to complete are very severe. Relegation down to the division where there is compliance with the number of existing seats. Failure to meet the minimum criteria means removal from the League.

We currently have 1,267 seats!

Under current Government legislation, the Taylor Report decrees that clubs in the Premiership and First Division of the Endleigh League must have all-seater stadiums by this year. However, clubs promoted to the First Division have three years to meet the requirement. Should they fail, then all non-seater parts of the stadium would be closed.

While Wycombe was still in the Conference, the Directors arranged visits to various grounds, such as Leicester, Notts County and Wolverhampton to look at new stand development.

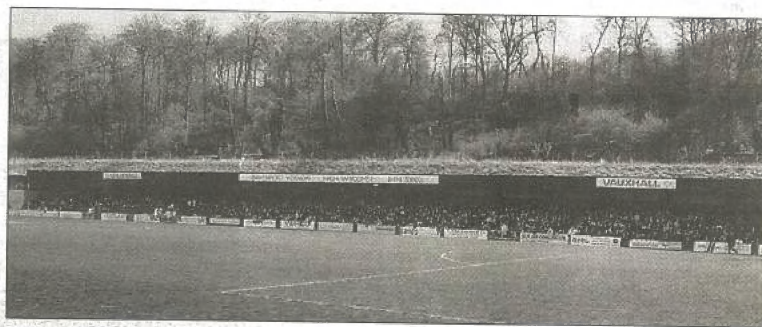
Reports on these visits were detailed to board meetings together with a recommendation that the club should investigate the development of the South (Davenport Vernon) Stand.

The outcome of consultation with architectural practices and submissions is that the board appointed the Alan Cotterell Practice Ltd, responsible for Wolves' Molineux Stadium redevelopment, to design and build the new stand.

The new stand has been designed to utilise the existing stand (which was designed to take seating) and will become the new family stand with 1,403 seats and also specially designed areas for 50 disabled persons. The whole of the area will have its own tea-bars and toilets, including those for the disabled. Entrance to the family stand will be from the front.

Above the family stand will be a row of 20 corporate boxes and, adjacent, a licensed area which will hold some 350 people. Box holders will have their own entrance. Above the boxes, there will be 3,232 seats. Entry to this part of the stand will be from a concourse running the full length of the stand, which will also accommodate toilets, tea-bars and kiosks.

The cost of the development is more than £1million, but funding is in place. The major contributor is the Football Trust, making a maximum £1million grant.



The Davenport Vernon Stand is set to be transformed into a £1million all-seater

Football clubs are massively in debt morally, not financially, to the Football Trust for the considerable grants made towards capital expenditure and also certain maintenance work. The Trust obtains its funding from the Football Pools.

The above funding is being eroded by the advent of the National Lottery. The lack of, or the reduction of, grants, will greatly affect clubs who need to develop.

You have probably read of the detrimental effect of the National Lottery on charities that ran small lotteries. Football clubs, too, are

suffering diminishing returns from their own lotteries. The National Lottery itself is not permitted to fund professional football clubs.

The Football Trust has already helped to fund Wycombe's Control Building, CCTV installation and a new floodlight system. Most grants have been 70 percent, and recently we received a grant to modernise the toilets and extensions of the fire alarm system.

The current position with the development of the South Stand is:

■ The planning application was submitted to Wycombe District Council

last month. Decision awaited.

■ We hold a planning approval for a stadium capacity of 10,000. (The new stand will NOT increase this. Nothing has changed, except people will sit down instead of standing).

■ The suggestion that the new stand will increase the load on the road network is invalid. Current approval is for 10,000 and this covered the question of the local road pattern.

Let's get on with improving the quality of life for our customers and also ensure we meet the Football League's proposed new criteria.

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Future is looking brighter

I HAVE just finished my first season as Wycombe Wanderers Youth Development Officer and would like to tell you how we have progressed.

In the past, all local talent has had to leave our area and go to other professional clubs because we had nothing to offer them.

I have now appointed three scouts to work in our area - John Marshall, Peter Sewell and Dave Parslow-Williams - who go out every Sunday to watch games, in all weathers, in order to be able to recommend boys to me, so that I can invite them to the club to take part in trials.

I have also appointed a scout in the Slough area - Barry White (not the singer!!) - and two in the Milton Keynes area - Ron Alfred and John Prescott.

These men do an excellent job at the football club, and their efforts are much appreciated.

As you may be aware, I have recently set up a Centre of Excellence for all ages, and hopefully this will attract local talent and keep them at this football club.

This is the only way forward for Wycombe if we are to grow. We need to develop our own players to eventually play in our first team and also, maybe sometimes, to sell players on to other clubs.

This stage is obviously a long way off, but we have started and now have a Youth Development Scheme like all other Football League clubs.

Basically, we are looking to see if

By Youth Development Officer Steve Walford

the 16-year-old boys are good enough to offer a YT training scheme too. At the present time, we have offered ten boys a two-year YT contract and we are all looking forward to the boys starting at the club in July.

Hopefully, we will be able to produce a first-team player or two out of our first batch.

It is very hard for the boys. Many fall by the wayside and do not make a career in professional football, but equally, many succeed.

In my first season, we ran a youth team in the South East Counties League on a part-time basis and we found the standard very hard. We were playing against full-time players week in, week out.

To be honest, the players we had at the club were not good enough, apart from one of the boys, Anthony Clark, who has done extremely well and made his first-team debut at Leyton Orient on the last day of the season.

We will be offering him a professional contract for next season and we feel sure that he will develop into a quality player.

For next season, our home games in the South East Counties League will be played at Molins Sports ground in Monks Risborough, and we would appreciate as much support as possible for our youth team.

Who knows, in a year or two, you might be cheering on the same boys in a league fixture at Adams Park.



On the right road: Youth Development Officer Steve Walford (left) picked up the youth team player-of-the-month award for April, from Roger Vere, on behalf of young striker Anthony Clark

PLAYER PROFILE

PLAYER PROFILE

PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name: Jason Rafael Solomon
Date of birth: 06.10.70
Height: 6ft
Weight: 12st 6lb
Home: Welwyn Garden City
Car: VW Corrado
Married: No
Children: No
Brothers and sisters: One sister
Family pets: Dog called Honey
Nickname at club: Solly

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Who do you share a room with on away trips?

Haven't played enough games yet, but was with Chuck on one.

Does he have any annoying habits?

A bit of a poser.

What was your ambition as a child?

To be a pro-footballer or athlete.

What is your ambition now?

Get as far as I can in the game.

Who was your boyhood hero?

Too many to say, but Alan Hansen and Trevor Brooking.

What has been your biggest thrill in life?

Turning pro and playing at Wembley for England.

What has been your biggest disappointment in life?

Thankfully none yet.

What is your saddest moment in football?

Death of my father.

Which present-day footballer do you admire most?

Ruud Gullit (Sampdoria).

Who is the greatest player there has ever been?

Pele or Maradona.

Who has been the greatest influence on your career?

My father and youth coach Tom Walley.



Who is the toughest opponent you have faced?

Dalian Atkinson.

Which manager has been the biggest influence on your career?

My old youth manager, Tom Walley.

What job would you be doing if you hadn't made it as a footballer?

The one that pays the most.

Away from football, what has been your greatest sporting achievement?

Unbeaten athlete at school.

What is the funniest moment you have seen on a football pitch?

My friend Jason Drysdale ran out of the tunnel at Ipswich and straight into the corner flag.

What was your most embarrassing moment in football?

None yet!

Which team did you support as a boy?

Tottenham.

What is your favourite ground?

Loftus Road (QPR).

What other sports and hobbies do you enjoy?

Eating out, socialising and shopping.

Do you have any unusual food that improves your game?

Cyrille Regis recommends monkey claw (only joking!!)

Away from football, who is your favourite sportsman?

Michael Jordan.

What is your most prized possession?

My medals and my car.

Do you play any musical instruments?

I used to play percussion, violin, piano and the spoons.

Is there a sporting dream you would have liked to have achieved in another sport?

Win Wimbledon.

What really annoys you in football?

Losing and referees.

What are you pet hates outside football?

Ignorance and selfishness.

FAVOURITES

TV programme: Any good comedy

Pop star/group: Galiano

Food: Yes please...

Drink: Orange juice and lemonade

Film: In the Heat of the Night

Film stars: Sidney Poitier and Jodie Foster

Holiday resort: Las Vegas

TV stars: David Jason and Leonard Rossiter

Comedian: Steve Martin

City: Rome

Soap: Cheers

Soap characters: All of Cheers

All Blues News player and Wycombe Wanderers staff profiles are compiled by Steve Hayes.

PROFILE

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT OFFICER PROFILE

PERSONAL DETAILS

Full name: Steve Walford
Date of birth: 5.1.58
Height: 6ft 1"
Weight: 12st 8lbs
Home: East Barnet
Car: Club car from Thrifty Car Rental
Married: Yes, to Terry
Children: Katy 15, Emma 14 and Joseph 6
Dad's job: Milkman
Brothers and sisters: One brother, one sister
Family pets: Dog called Albert
Nickname at club: Wally

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What was your ambition as a child?

To play football.

What is your ambition now?

To play football.

Who was your boyhood hero?

Bobby Moore.

What has been your biggest thrill in life?

Beating Spurs 5-0 while at Arsenal.

What has been your biggest disappointment in life?

Not playing as many games as I should have.

What is your saddest moment in football?

Not being able to play any more.

Which present-day footballer do you admire most?

Tony Adams.

Who is the greatest player there has ever been?

In my opinion, there have been many.

Who has been the greatest influence on your career?

Don Howe.

Who is the toughest opponent you have faced?

Pat Nevin.

Which manager has been the biggest influence on your career?

Martin O'Neill.

What was your most embarrassing moment in football?

Scoring own goals.

Which team did you support as a boy?

Arsenal.

What is your favourite ground?

Old Trafford.

What other sports and hobbies do you enjoy?

Squash and tennis.

Do you have any unusual food that improves your game?

No.

What is your most prized possession?

My wife and kids.

Is there a sporting dream you would have liked to have achieved in another sport?

Win Wimbledon.

What really annoys you in football?

Cheats.

What are you pet hates outside football?

Cheats, bad drivers.

FAVOURITES

TV programme: World at War

Pop star/group: Queen

Food: Roast beef

Drink: Red wine

Film: Godfather II

Film stars: Clint Eastwood

Holiday resort: Spain

Comedian: Bernard Manning

City: London

Soap: Brookside

Soap characters: Sinbad

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Frustrating end masks our brilliant efforts

I HAVE just returned from Griffin Park having watched Huddersfield defeat Brentford on penalties to take their place at Wembley in the play-off final against Bristol Rovers.

The penalty shoot-out seemed a cruel way to decide a season which had stretched over ten months but Brentford because of a couple of missed penalties remain in the second division.

So this can be the dividing line between success and apparent failure. In many ways, Brentford's eventual disappointment and frustration has mirrored our own season.

To finish sixth with 78 points in our first attempt in a new division is really a brilliant effort. I am sure the vast majority of our supporters would have settled for such a position at the start of the season. But because of our excellent opening to the campaign – remaining in a play-off spot for over five months – we have all felt the disappointment of not making the play-offs that little more sharply.

However, we hope to re-charge during the close season and start again in August. Our last game of the season against Orient saw the introduction of a young lad called Anthony Clark, the youngest player to make his league debut for Wycombe Wanderers. He has a very bright future ahead of him.

And, as we all realise too well, it is through the likes of Anthony Clark that the Football Club will flourish in future years. Next season sees the introduction of YT players at Adams Park. They used to call them apprentices when I was young, but it amounts to the same thing. So, we look to be heading in the right direction.

However, back to the season just finished. We couldn't have managed 50 points, never mind 78 points, had there not been some big efforts from the players.

Paul Hyde had, once again, an excellent season, and I am sure he regrets not being a professional goalkeeper earlier in his career. Maybe he just never had the chance before, but one thing is certain, he stopped justifying his £15,000 fee from Hayes a long, long time ago.

It was always going to be difficult for Jason Cousins to have the type of season he enjoyed the previous year, but he stuck manfully to his task over the months and can be very proud of his achievements.

Terry Evans was again superb, even more so when you consider that he never ever trained during the week with the rest of the players. He almost literally climbed off the treatment table to play the games. The fact that he only missed two league games all season is a great compliment to his courage and enthusiasm.

Matty Crossley probably has his best ever year since I've been at Wycombe and seemed the perfect partner for big Tel. Matty is the type of lad who wouldn't look out of place either in Barcelona or Basingstoke. In fact, I think he'd prefer to play for Basingstoke, but it was a great season for him, and I am delighted.

Terry Howard, sacked at



Pulling the strings: If only the real thing were as easy as model management on this scaled-down field I opened at Bekonscot village in Beaconsfield

MARTIN O'NEILL looks back on a season that has given him immense satisfaction as well as ultimate disappointment

Orient, came to join us for the final charge and did excellently. I am hoping he will be tested to the full next term.

David Carroll was again magnificent. I'm pleased that I am now not the only one at Adams Park who believes so. It wouldn't worry me one jot if I was, though, and now it doesn't bother David either.

He got a nice consolation the other evening when he was voted the player of the tournament in the Evening Standard Five-A-Sides, which we won again.

Steve Brown, finally in the last three months of the season, produced consistently the form of which he was always capable. I genuinely was thrilled for him because he showed a lot of character and determination which I didn't think was in him.

In many ways, the season actually ended too soon for him. But it was great to see him perform so well in midfield, and, having survived all the bawling and rollickings he got from me, he will survive anything that soccer may throw at him, I hope!

Keith Ryan was badly missed in the second half of the season. He is making very good progress just now, and we are all very hopeful of a full recovery.

Simon Stapleton is in the same boat, and I hope that his

stop-start-stop season will be put behind him next season.

Michael Bell, bought to replace the departing Steve Guppy, was excellent. He could not have done any more for us this season, but I believe there is much more to come next season. He has settled in very well and is popular with the lads.

Regis and Garner earned every single penny of their wages.

Garner has had a splendid two years at Adams Park, and Regis, on a free transfer, was terrific value.

I said to Cyrille at Christmas that if he never kicked another ball for us for the rest of the season he had proved his value. Unfortunately, from then on in, he took my words too seriously and too literally.

De Souza and McGavin both have done very well. Miguel was flying – six goals in six games – before injury ended his interest in our fate. But I am really looking forward to his play next August.

McGavin, too, will undoubtedly be an asset for us. Well, I hope so anyway, and we should have the talent to get us a few more goals than we did this year.

Tony Hemmings also came back from obscurity to play a role. Hopefully, with Patterson, Thompson and Solomon having chances during the close season to

clear up injuries, we will have a decent squad from which to launch an assault on promotion in a few months' time.

I have allowed Reid, Langford, Wallace, Titterton, Regis and Garner to have free transfers. But I have given the two old men offers which I hope they will take, if they don't make a few bob elsewhere.

Terry Skiverton and Peter Garland both made excellent impressions on loan, and I'm following up both avenues, as I write.

David Titterton was unfortunately injured at the beginning of the season and, along with Simon Hutchinson, has had a frustrating time. I expect him to have no problems in getting sorted out, but he can return here any time at all and feel welcome.

Glyn Creaser is still with us for another year and, although he has been forced to take a back seat this season, his input has been invaluable.

Scunthorpe are, I believe, in the throes of buying Lee Turnbull.

Finally, I cannot allow Chuck Moussaddik to go unmentioned. His performance once again in the five-a-side tournament was fantastic. He is heading to America to play indoor football in the summer, and there should be employment for him at this club when he returns.

Once again, I have been delighted and encouraged with my staff.

Paul Franklin won the Spring-heat Print Capital League with the reserves; Steve Walford seems to have settled in, and John Robertson has done miles and miles for our cause.

Jim Melvin has the community side of our football in good order and has contributed generously.

The chairman has been great to work with, as has Alan Parry – a genuinely committed supporter, who just happens to sit on the board.

I have left the final mention to the lifeblood of the club, to the people who actually run it – the supporters.

Thanks very much for your support during the season. It was ALWAYS appreciated by us.



One in, one out: Simon Garner (left) has a free transfer, but Steve McGavin is still very much in Wycombe's plans

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March lean spell robbed us of our play-off place

CAPTAIN'S LOG
By Terry Evans

All the lads are bitterly disappointed that we did not achieve a play-off position, especially with the clubs above us taking their turns to stumble in April.

Every player, supporter and club official has their own view on where we should have secured the few points that would have meant at least two more games and the possibility of a return to Wembley.

To me, March was the month that made the difference. We only conceded six goals (half of which were against Birmingham), but seven points when 21 were available was just not good enough.

However, we have shown that we can compete with the very best, taking a total of 18 points from the five clubs that did finish at the top of the division.

There were many highlights during the season to reflect on, including our away form early on which surprised many teams and gave us the confidence and belief that we could do well. There were the doubles over Huddersfield and our closest rivals Oxford, the outstanding football we played at home to Wrexham and also the 4-3 victory against Brentford.

There are no prizes for finishing sixth, but we will be looking to use the disappointment of this season come August. We have proved there is no team to fear, and a good start will let the rest know that we are true candidates for promotion.

We may all be pleased to see the back of Birmingham – a club with a huge squad and seemingly endless resources – but coming into the division are some other very strong sides that will push us very hard, so there is no room for thoughts of coasting this division.

Everyone connected with the club has played a big part in keeping us consistently close to the top. There are too many to thank in this article,

but I would like to mention just a few on behalf of myself and the lads.

Jim Gardner must have been disappointed that Orient won the prize for not only the best pitch in the Second Division but in the whole of the Football League. The surface at Adams Park is (and has been all season) far superior to anything else we have played on. To achieve and maintain such a good surface does take a great deal of hard work, which is very much appreciated.

Dave Jones has had a very busy season indeed. There is far more to his job than is seen by supporters. Without his dedication, many of us would not have managed to play the amount of games we did.

On a personal front, I was very proud to be voted runner-up for the Supporters' Player of the Year before the game at home to Plymouth. This clearly could not have been possible without the efforts and support of a great bunch of lads around me. We finished up with 19 league clean sheets – a figure I was very satisfied with, which gives us a good target to beat next season.

I was also delighted with the amount of letters subsequently received to congratulate me on signing a two-year extension to my contract. It means a great deal when people take the trouble to write. Supporters let me know what they are thinking and some are even a little saucy, whenever possible.

I do reply. I am very happy to be staying at Wycombe. I believe there are plenty of exciting times ahead and I of course want to be part of a club that is not only looking to improve but also progress.

The display by the lads to retain our title in the Evening Standard Fives was a magnificent achievement. Even though this cannot make up for missing out on the play-offs, they proved that winning last year was no fluke.



Well done: Ivor Beeks congratulates me as player-of-the-year runner-up

When you consider that the team only conceded one goal in open play, it shows how hard the lads worked. Chuck was clearly the best goalkeeper in the tournament and was the only player to risk taking the ball round his opposite number to slot home, which was worth the ticket price on its own.

I was delighted for Dave Carroll when he received the award for the best player of the tournament, as

mentioned previously. I feel that he is one of the Wanderers' unsung heroes and deserves far more credit for the hard work he constantly contributes to the team.

Finally, a big thank you to all the supporters who gave the lads great encouragement both home and away. I know that the last game of the season at Orient had little importance to either side, yet nobody told our faithful fans, who

possibly outnumbered the home support, which was remarkable.

Your constant commitment does not go unnoticed. Without you, I doubt that we would have managed to come close to a play-off place.

Hopefully, I will be able to meet many supporters during the break, as I have been asked to attend some fetes and other functions in Wycombe – so look out for more information in the Blues News.

Brown was this year's top of Blues



Man-of-the-moment: Steve Brown receives his player-of-the-year shield before Blues' D-day game against Plymouth

On the penultimate game of the season when Wycombe Wanderers were at home to Plymouth Argyle, the Bucks Free Press Supporters' Player of the Season for 1994/95 awards were announced just before kick off time.

The presentations were made by Wycombe Wanderers Chairman Mr Ivor Beeks, Wycombe Wanderers Director Mr Alan Parry, Roger Vane, Managing Director of Wycombe Wanderers Official Club Sponsors Verco Office Furniture Ltd, and Michelle Evans-Riches, the winner of the Bucks Free Press Supporters competition.

In third place was central defender Matt Crossley who has performed consistently throughout the season.

Marvel

Second was captain marvel, Terry Evans, who has developed an excellent relationship and understanding with Matt.

The overall winner, as voted by the supporters, was midfielder Steve Brown.

Steve, who even admits himself that he took a bit of time to settle in, has been playing some lovely football throughout the season, whether at left back or in midfield.

Each player received a bottle of Laurent Perrier Champagne.

THE BLUES NEWS

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Shirt swap was huge success



Spelling it out: the shirts speak for themselves at Adams Park

BACK on the 15th April, when Wycombe Wanderers played Oxford United at Adams Park, the club launched a scheme titled The Albanian Shirt Swap.

This was run in conjunction with the club's official sponsors Verco Office Furniture Ltd and their friends at European Christian Mission.

It invited any child or adult who owned a replica football shirt of a Carling Premiership team or Endleigh League side within a 50 mile radius of High Wycombe, to exchange their shirt for a current brand new green and white Wycombe Wanderers replica shirt.

The exchange shirts were then to be transported to a warehouse in Tirana, Albania. From here,

they were to be distributed (along with medical equipment and food the convoy will also carry) to the needy around the country, targeting the poorest regions.

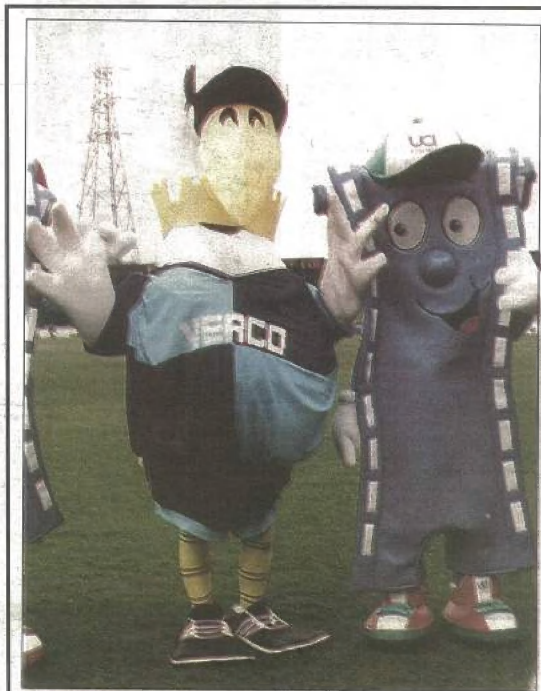
The response from the Wycombe supporters and public was absolutely phenomenal.

As you can see from the picture above, more than 200 shirts were exchanged, ranging from a current replica of Premier League Champions Blackburn Rovers to a three-year-old replica of Fulham FC.

The actual Albania 200 sign, which was photographed and displayed on the pitch at Adams Park, is made up of all the 200 collected shirts.

The shirts were then handed over to European Christian Mission three weeks ago, for their voyage to Albania at the end of this month.

Wycombe Wanderers Football Club, together with Verco Office Furniture Ltd and European Christian Mission, would like to say a huge thank you to all the shirt swappers.



The way to do it: Bluey shows his cinema pal the ropes

Bluey agrees new terms

BLUEY the Swan, Wycombe Wanderers' mascot, has agreed a new appearance contract for next season, which will keep him at the club at least until the end of next May.

One of Bluey's most recent was with his friends from Wycombe 6, UC and I. They gave away 1,000 packs of banana bubbles, courtesy of Kellogg's, to the 5,000-strong crowd.



Part exchange: All contributions were welcomed in the swap

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THE BLUES NEWS

Blues will be back

So near yet so far away. Wycombe's roller-coaster ride through the Second Division gave us all moments of high drama, joy and despair, but ended in the frustration of missing out on the promotion play-offs by just one place.

Our total of 78 points would have been sufficient to make the play-offs in our division in every other season since the system was introduced. This season, 78 points was sufficient to make the play-offs in Divisions One and Three, but not in the Second Division. How unlucky can you get?

Looking on the positive side, the players once again adapted brilliantly to moving up to a higher standard of football. Once we found our feet in the new division, we proved that we were a match for any team. Wycombe Wanderers have become a highly respected name throughout the game and that's something that should make us all very proud.

And, of course, Martin O'Neill preserved his remarkable record of having won a trophy in every full season since he took charge. On a memorable night at Wembley, the lads retained their Evening Standard, S-A-Side title before a big television audience live on Sky.

Congratulations also to Paul Franklin for guiding our reserve team to the Capital League Championship for the first time in the club's history.

Another "first" was the appearance of Anthony Clark in the senior team



Plus point: a fit Keith Ryan will boost Wycombe next season

By Alan Parry

at Leyton Orient, the only time a Wycombe schoolboy player has achieved Football League status - the first of many, we hope, under the

shrewd care of youth development officer, Steve Walford.

It paints an optimistic picture of the present - and the future - at Adams Park. I believe that Martin has assembled the best squad that the club has ever had. Remember, in addition to the players who took us so close to a play-off place, the squad will be further strengthened next season by the return from injury of Keith Ryan, Simon Stapleton and Miquel Desouz. As I write, the manager has plans to bring in other players to make the competition for places even hotter.

We have some exciting "new" opponents to look forward to next season. Another "local" derby against Swindon Town, members of the Premier League only two years ago. From a little further along the M4, Bristol City with their big support and excellent stadium. A famous old club from the north, Burnley, and one of Martin O'Neill's former teams, Notts County.

There's the prospect of renewing acquaintances with Carlisle, our first ever Football League opponents and Walsall. Three of the teams who finished above us last season and failed to negotiate the play-offs will be on the fixture list again. It's going to be just as tough - maybe even tougher - to stay with the leading pack next season, but it looks like being an exciting division with a lot of big matches.

In the meantime, have a wonderful summer and many thanks for your continuing support.

PARRY'S POSTBAG

Carroll is unsung hero of the Terrace

I WOULD just like to say how much I enjoyed reading your page in our last matchday programme.

I found myself agreeing with everything you had to say, but was particularly delighted with your comments about Dave Carroll who is, in my opinion, the best player in the side. The adjectives skilful, prodigious, thoughtful and selfless sum him up perfectly and the fact he can score brilliant, often matchwinning goals, has to be a real bonus.

I understand why you referred to him as the original unsung hero, but would reassure you that he has many fans like myself on the Woodland Terrace who speak his praises, even if we don't shout them. However, while we may recognise Dave for the talented player that he is, do our match sponsors? Surely he deserved the Man of the Match Award at least once this season.

Clearly his skilful passing ability in midfield, accurate crosses from the wings and the strong support he gives in defence are not enough. Perhaps if he could combine these skills with at least a hat-trick of goals in 90 minutes, the elusive award would be his - here's hoping next season!

On the subject of the other award - Player of the Season - I certainly considered giving Dave my vote, but Steve Brown, who has proved the most improved player of the season, clearly deserved to win, as he did.

Having praised both Dave Carroll and Steve Brown, I would like to congratulate the whole team for the success they have had this season. They may quite understandably feel some disappointment in failing to reach the play-offs, but I feel, regardless of absent Wembley appearances and trophies, that this has been their most successful year to date.

Jo Burry
High Wycombe

I AM writing to express my thanks for the 100 per cent support you always give the Wanderers, in all matters.

I think you were right in your reference to the disappointing attendances for key Wanderers home games, but I do not know if you noticed both Crewe and Bristol Rovers, had under 5,000 attendance in their last home games. In fact, on May 2, Crewe had under 4,000 and they are in the play-offs.

I think, in these times of recession, very few of the lower division clubs can boast of 8,000 plus gates that are needed for First Division football.

Wanderers are a new league club, in an area where many people have given their support to either Arsenal or Spurs.

I think the 5,000 loyal support we have is an excellent start for the Wanderers, and as we improve even further, our gates will steadily rise.

I think Martin has now put together a very strong squad - a match for any team in Division Two. Maybe with a couple more astute signings and some decent referee decisions we

can actually have a go at the Championship next season.

Please keep putting your views forward and telling the truth, even when it hurts.

I can't wait until next season.

MA Colquhoun
High Wycombe

I ALWAYS enjoy your contribution to the programme, but your comments concerning the attendance at the Birmingham City game must have prompted reactions. The general opinion was that you are not in touch with how people feel about a visit to Adams Park. You invited comments - mine won't fit on a postcard, hence this letter.

You are a celebrity/director of the club. As a result, I suspect your visits to the ground are untypical of those of fellow supporters. Your comments seem to confirm this - would you like to accompany me one day and see what it is like to be one of the crowd?

In your article, you listed some very strong reasons why the gate was no larger - and then dismissed them 'out of hand'. Sadly, I can give you a few more reasons, which apply to all matches.

- 1) Is 7,289 a small gate? Compare the population of Birmingham with Wycombe. In my view, 7,289 is an extraordinarily large crowd - which we may come to realise.
- 2) Access/Parking - There's not much anyone can do about it, but until another road can be built, it's an absolute pain.
- 3) Comfort - with 7,000 in the ground, viewing can be difficult, particularly for children. 9,000 is uncomfortably cramped.
- 4) Stewarding - Where oh where does the club find its stewards? They are mostly hostile, certainly unfriendly and display little sign of being able to think or make decisions. The recent introduction of the very unpopular no re-admittance rule also gives them the opportunity to demonstrate their power in a charmless manner.
- 5) Getaway - by not leaving one minute before the end, one can spend 50 minutes held back by the police in one's car, waiting for car parks to clear. It happened to us after the Crewe game. This delay can cause serious disruption of other, later domestic arrangements.
- 6) Playing Record - You dismiss recent results too lightly. Sadly, most people now watch Wycombe because of their excellent run of uninterrupted success under Martin O'Neill. We don't know how many are fair weather fans.
- 7) Vulgar chanting - I wouldn't take kids to hear the obscenities at Wycombe or elsewhere.
- 8) Style - Wycombe's recent style is an unattractive product. It is sheer marketing arrogance to describe the purchasing performance of customers as 'not good enough'. Let's not criticise customers for not buying - if I didn't like your commentaries I would turn you off.

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Michael Gilbert
Beaconsfield



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THE BLUES NEWS

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New membership scheme



The main aim of the Wycombe Wanderers Official Supporters Club's new membership scheme is to benefit our loyal fans, who support Wanderers both at Adams Park and away from home on a regular basis.

The Blues Supporters Club for 1995/96 Season has a string of benefits for anybody aged 16 or over on June 1, 1995.

They include:

- 1) Free Membership of the Blues Travel Club
- 2) The right to attend the Blues Supporters Club Forum
- 3) 2nd Priority Booking for all Home League, Cup and Friendly matches. Membership of the Blues Travel Club guarantees that prices for executive coach travel will be £3 less than non-members prices, whether a junior, OAP or adult.

The Blues Supporters Club Forum will be for members only.

Meetings will take place regularly at Adams Park, the frequency and agenda of which will be determined by the members.

From these meetings, four elected representatives will meet quarterly

with a director and club officials to put across their views, suggestions and complaints.

The minutes from these meetings will be given to the Chairman and all the Directors of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club Ltd.

A club official will attend the Forum Meetings on a non-voting basis, if required by the members, to act as a liaison officer and field questions.

The committee members of the Blues Supporters Club should represent the majority views of all the membership, when meeting with directors and club officials.

The cost of annual membership is £10.

There will also be a new-look Junior Blues Supporters Club for the

The Wycombe Wanderers Official Supporters Club is delighted to announce a new and exciting membership scheme for all the family for the 1995/96 season

1995/96 season.

Again, there are a host of benefits for all members.

They include (for children over 5 and under 16 years of age on June 1):

- 1) Second Priority Booking for all home League, Cup and friendly matches. (Junior Terrace Season Tickets Holders are entitled to first priority booking only)
- 2) Ten per cent off first Adult Terrace or Main Stand Season Ticket on reaching 16 years of age (as long as the individual has been a Junior Blues Supporters Club Member for at least one whole season)
- 3) Adams Park guided tour for members

- 4) Free Annual Blues Event attended by Manager and Players
- 5) Exclusive Junior Blues Membership Card
- 6) Free entry to all Capital League and youth team matches at Adams Park

- 7) The right to attend the Blues Supporters Club Forum on a non-voting basis
 - 8) Matchday Mascot packages, exclusive to Junior Blues
 - 9) Annual Birthday message from Wycombe Wanderers FC
 - 10) Free Membership of the Blues Travel Club
- The cost of annual membership is £10.

The Baby Blues Club for 1995/96 Season is also

offering the following benefits to members (for children under 5 years of age on June 1), including:

- 1) Membership Package, incorporating: Junior Blues Membership Card, Certificate of Honour from Martin O'Neill Stickers & Baby Bib (65 per cent cotton/ 35 per cent polyester) "I dribble better than Wycombe Wanderers" or 100 per cent Acrylic "The Blues" Printed Scarf (Please state your preference)

- 2) 25 per cent off first Junior Blues Membership on becoming 5 years of age
- 3) Annual birthday card from Wycombe Wanderers FC
- 4) Free entry to all matches at Adams Park
- 5) Birthday will be mentioned in Matchday programme each year

The cost, which covers Baby Blues Membership from birth till 5 years old inclusively, is £10.

Existing Junior Blues, aged up to four years old remain as a Baby Blues free-of charge until they are five years old.

Blues Club has new name

The Blues Club will be renamed Vere Suite Membership for 1995/96.

The membership fee for next season is £15 per person.

Existing Blues Club Members will only have the option to renew between June 19 and July 21, when forms will be available from the commercial offices at Adams Park, 9.15am to 5.15pm, Monday to Friday. Completed application forms must be accompanied by your 1994/95

Blues Club Membership Cards.

Please make all cheques/postal orders payable to WWFC. Please also enclose an SAE, if you wish your new 1995/96 Vere Suite Membership Card to be sent to you.

New members will be enrolled (if space permits) from 5.30pm in the foyer of the Suite before our pre-season friendly against Southampton on Tuesday August 1. They will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis only.

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Calling all mascots

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The details are:

Package One

- Two official car park passes.
- Home or Away replica Kit for Matchday Mascot (ie shirt, shorts and socks)
- Four Mainstand seats and six paddock tickets
- Six complimentary Matchday programmes
- Behind-the-scenes tour of Adams Park stadium for a party of ten
- Use of the Wembley Room pre-match, with colour TV
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- Lead out the Wycombe Wanderers team onto the pitch
- Photograph with the two captains, referee and linesmen in the centre circle before kick-off. The photo is sent to your home
- Passport-sized colour photograph of mascot appears in programme, along with his/her details (ie age, school, hobbies, favourite Wycombe players etc)
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Package Two

- Identical to Package One other than it excludes home or away replica kit
- Total cost - £72 + VAT**
- If you wish to be considered for a Matchday mascot, you must have a 1995/96 Season Junior Blue Membership Card.
 - If you are chosen to be a Matchday mascot, you will be required to wear the current home replica kit, so that you match the Wycombe Wanderers players.



On the town: Wycombe turn out in force to check out the newly refurbished Wanderers in Town shop

Wanderers get around

Wycombe Wanderers players have not only been working hard on the pitch this season. They have been making their presence felt in the town as well. Two of the major events this season have been the refurbishment of the Wanderers in Town shop and the Senior and True Blues Event that took place at Wycombe Sports Centre this year

WYCOMBE players have been busy off the field this season, with plenty of appearances to fit in when they are not playing or training.

A trip to the club shop Wanderers in Town to check out the refurbishments was one, and this year's Annual Junior Blues Event - held at Wycombe Sports Centre, near the Handy Cross roundabout - was another.

More than 130 Junior Blues showed off their skills at the fun day, which involved them competing in various activities along with a number of the Wycombe Wanderers players.

The event, which was sponsored by Lucozade Sport and Mars Confectionery, lasted for two hours and consisted of five-a-side football, basketball, volleyball and dribbling relays.

Next year, with the introduction of the new Junior Blues Membership Club being free to all junior season ticket holders, numbers coming to the event will be far greater.

Every child that is eligible next season to come to the event will be invited in the New Year.

Wycombe Wanderers' shop Wanderers in Town was refurbished early this year to an open-plan format.

The new styled shop, which is situated in the Octagon Shopping Centre, High Wycombe, now stocks various new lines of fashion clothing, ranging from coloured bomber jackets to leisure shirts.

The shop has also recently had a large delivery of the new Wycombe Wanderers Inter Milan-styled red and black kit.

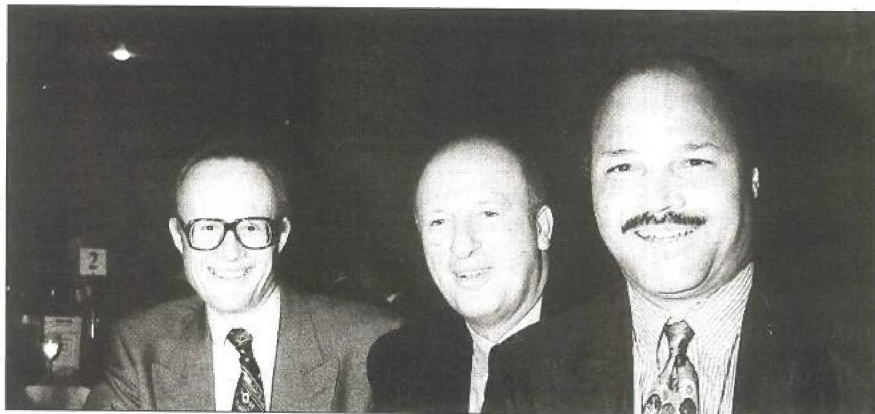
The new away kit, which was released just under five weeks ago, initially sold out of all adult sizes.

The kit, which replaces the green and white strip, costs the same price as the current home replica kit. Prices have been deliberately frozen.



Yes, ref: Dave Carroll takes charge of the Junior Blues at Wycombe Sports Centre

Conteh strikes right note on Blues' big night



John Conteh (right) and friends enjoy this month's Sportsman's Dinner

JOHN Conteh, who made a guest speaker appearance at Wycombe Wanderers' final Sportsman's Dinner for the 1994/95 season, was a big hit with all 280 people that attended the event.

It was held on Monday, May 15, in the Vere Suite at Adams Park between each round of the Evening Standard London Five-a-Sides.

Stage

Tony Leese, the food and beverage manager at Wycombe Wanderers, managed to set up a big TV screen on the front stage, so that the guests didn't miss a Wycombe Wanderers kick all night.

It turned out to be excellent entertainment. The picture (right) shows big hit Conteh, who was world light heavy weight boxing champion in the late 70s.

He is enjoying the evening with Alec Tuckerman, managing director of Oxon-based Servis-pak Ltd, who sponsored the whole dinner, and Roger Vere, managing director of Wycombe Wanderers' Official Club Sponsors Verco

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1994/95 Seat Season Ticket Holders

Existing seat season ticket holders wishing to renew, must please return the Season Ticket Renewal Slip from the back of their current book, or ring the Creditcard Hotline to renew their seat.
Existing seat season ticket holders, including Vice-Presidents must claim their seats by 5.15pm on Friday 18th June 1995. After that date any seats that have not been renewed will go on general sale.

All Other Existing & New Season Ticket Holders

If you wish to become a seat or terrace season ticket holder for the 1995/96 season, please state the name and type of season ticket required on the application form below, and enclose full payment. (Please make cheques payable to W.W.F.C.), or ring the Creditcard Hotline on (01494) 441118 to buy your season ticket. Alternatively you can ask for details to be sent to you of Club Plan, a season ticket payment plan.

New for 1995/96 Season Ticket Payment Plan

Now Wycombe Wanderers hold a Consumer Credit Licence they have got together with The Associates to offer alternative methods of purchasing your season ticket. You must be 18 or over to take advantage of Club Plan. Through this scheme you can purchase your season ticket over a six month period. For details you can call The Associates direct on 0345 5 85 422 or collect an application form from the Commercial Offices at Adams Park or Wanderers in Town in the Octagon.

Season Tickets Application Form

Name

Address

Postcode Tel No

Date of Birth (if under 16 on 1st June 1995)

Please find enclosed: Cheques/PO/Creditcard Details

Please debit my ACCESS ☐ VISA CARD ☐ (Please tick)

Card Number: Expiry Date:

Signature of Cardholder

Please make all cheques payable to W.W.F.C.

Please reserve me the following season ticket(s)

If you would like us to send you details on the Wycombe Wanderers Visa Card please tick this box
Send to ☐ Wycombe Wanderers F.C.

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Vere Suite Membership (Formerly the Blues Club)

The existing Blues Club will be renamed Vere Suite Membership for the 1995/96 season. The membership fee for next season is £15 per person.
Existing Blues Club Members will only have first option to renew between the 19th June and 21st July 1995, when forms will be available from the Commercial Offices at Adams Park 9.15am - 5.15pm Monday - Friday.
Completed application forms must be accompanied by your 1994/95 Blues Club Membership Card. Please make all cheques/postal orders payable to WWFC. Please also enclose an SAE if you wish your new 1995/96 Vere Suite Membership Card to be sent to you.
New members will be enrolled (if space permits) from 5.30pm in the foyer of the Vere Suite before our pre-season friendly against Southampton on Tuesday 1st August 1995. New members will be accepted on a first-come first served basis only.

NEW FOR THE 1995/96 SEASON

Wycombe Wanderers Official Supporters Club

For All The Family

The club is delighted to announce a new and exciting membership scheme for all the family. The main aim of the scheme is to benefit our loyal fans, who support Wycombe Wanderers both at Adams Park and away from home on a regular basis.

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**The Blues Supporters Club
for 1995/96 Season**

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Benefits for everyone aged 16 or over on 1st June 1995:-

- 1) Free Membership of the Blues Travel Club
- 2) The right to attend the Blues Supporters Club Forum
- 3) 2nd Priority Booking for ALL Home League, Cup and Friendly matches

**Membership of the Blues Travel Club GUARANTEES
that prices for executive coach travel**

will be £3 less than non-members prices, whether a junior, OAP or adult

The Blues Supporters Club Forum will be for members only. Meetings will take place regularly at Adams Park, the frequency and agenda of which will be determined by the members. From these meetings, four elected representatives will meet quarterly with a Director and Club Officials to put across their views, suggestions and complaints. The minutes from these meetings will be given to the Chairman and all the Directors of Wycombe Wanderers Football Club Ltd.

A Club Official will attend the Forum Meetings on a non-voting basis, if required by the members, to act as a liaison officer and field questions. The committee members of the Blues Supporters Club must be willing to represent the majority views of all the membership, when meeting with Directors and Club Officials.

Cost - Annual Membership £10

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**Junior Blues
Supporters Club
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Benefits (for children over 5 and under 16 years of age on 1.6.95)

- 1) 2nd Priority Booking for ALL Home League, Cup and Friendly matches. (Junior Terrace Season Ticket Holders are entitled to 1st Priority booking only)
- 2) 10% off 1st Adult Terrace or Main Stand Season Ticket on reaching 16 years of age (as long as the individual has been a Junior Blues Supporters Club Member for at least the whole of the previous season)
- 3) Adams Park Guided Tour for Members
- 4) Free Annual Blues Event attended by the Team Manager and Players
- 5) Exclusive Junior Blues Membership Card
- 6) Free entry to ALL Capital League and ALL Youth Team matches at Adams Park
- 7) The right to attend the Blues Supporters Club Forum on a non-voting basis
- 8) Matchday Mascot Packages exclusive to Junior Blues Supporters Club
- 9) Annual Birthday message from Wycombe Wanderers F.C.
- 10) Free membership of the Blues Travel Club

Cost - Annual Membership £10

Baby Blues Club for 1995/96 Season

Benefits (for children under 5 years of age on 1.6.95)

- 1) Membership Package Includes - Baby Blues Membership Card, Certificate of Honour from Martin O'Neill, Stickers and Baby Bib (65% cotton/35% polyester) "I dribble better than Wycombe Wanderers" or 100% Acrylic "The Blues" Printed Scarf (please state your preference)
- 2) 25% off 1st Junior Blues Supporters Club Membership on becoming 5 years of age
- 3) Annual Birthday Card from Wycombe Wanderers F.C.
- 4) Free entry to ALL matches at Adams Park
- 5) Birthday will be mentioned in Matchday Programme each year

Cost - £10

This covers Baby Blues Membership from birth until 5 years old, or any part thereof
Existing Junior Blues, aged 0-4 remain as Baby Blues free of charge until they are five years old

APPLICATION FORM

Name

Address

Postcode Tel No

Date of Birth (if under 16 on 1st June 1995)

I wish to join Baby Blues £10 ☐ Junior Blues Supporters Club £10 ☐ Blues Supporters Club £10 ☐

Please find enclosed: Cheque/PO/Creditcard Details

Please debit my ACCESS ☐ VISA CARD ☐ (Please tick)

Card Number: Expiry Date:

Signature of Cardholder

Please make all cheques payable to W.W.F.C.

We cannot accept telephone credit card bookings for Baby, Junior and the Blues Supporters Club membership fees.
Send to: Wycombe Wanderers Football Club, Adams Park, Hillbottom Road, Sands, High Wycombe, Bucks HP12 4HL

Telephone (01494) 472100 Fax (01494) 627633

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THE BLUES NEWS

Wycombe love the high life



So close: Wycombe celebrate Mickey Bell's goal against Plymouth. But, by full time, the play-off dream was dead

Wanderers had their ups and downs in a season when they eventually stayed put in Division Two. Blues News puts the whole thing into perspective and looks forward to even better to come, starting in three months' time

WYCOMBE Wanderers' first season in Division Two saw them reach heights that the club has never experienced before.

On Saturday, December 10, 1994, Wycombe Wanderers were positioned second in the league, which is a remarkable 48th position in the whole of England.

The season, which kicked off in mid-August, started with two impressive wins – the first an emphatic 3-0 home win against Cambridge United, the second away at promotion favourites Huddersfield Town in their brand new McAlpine Stadium.

These first two wins really got the team confidence sky high, particularly as most of the players had not experienced this level of football and were a little sceptical as to how they would perform.

Come the end of August, with another incredible away win under their belts, this time at Birmingham City, the team was in a healthy third place, which was beyond anyone's wildest dreams.

Throughout the next six months, the team didn't once fall

below sixth position of the division, thanks to some very impressive performances.

Due to mid-season postponements of two fixtures, Wanderers had to play seven matches in the month of March. Of these, only one was won, which pushed the team down to eleventh position.

To come back and claim a play-off position from this was a tall order, but the team gave their all.

They won five of their last eight games to finish only one position and three points off a play off place. So very near!

Wycombe Wanderers also had a successful run in the FA Cup. Having beaten non-League Chelmsford City and Hitchin Town in the first and second rounds, the club was handed a dream tie of playing Premiership West Ham United at Adams Park.

A capacity crowd of more than 9,000 filled the compact stadium. Match Of The Day cameras were also looking on for a possible upset.

It never came, but The Blues did themselves proud and enjoyed all the pre-match hype and build up.

Appeal play for schools

WYCOMBE Wanderers hope to put on a community play, for the Adam Langford Appeal, involving children from local schools.

The play should run four days in the Vere Suite, so that we make as large a donation as possible. We need to find scenery, costumes, stewarding and sound and lighting equipment. If anyone can help, please contact Mark Austin at the club.

■ We will be holding summer

funweeks at Wye Valley School, starting May 30th until June 2nd, at a cost of £36 per child, per week. Application forms can be obtained from the club.

■ Mars have donated football kit to the Community Scheme, and Wanderers are offering a full kit for a first school and a middle school for the best attended of this summer's school courses. They run for six weeks, 75 minutes one day per week. The cost is £20 per child.



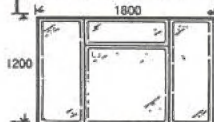
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